

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1913.

To the House of Representatives:

In pursuance with provisions of the Constitution, I have filed with the Secretary of State House bill No. 583, the same being "An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State government for the fiscal years ending August 31, 1910, 1911, and 1912," etc.

The items under supplemental appropriations for the year ending August 31, 1913, reading as follows, are objected to and disapproved:

"Fees and costs of sheriffs, clerks and attorneys in felony cases	\$40,000.00
Expenses of attached witnesses	20,000.00"

These items are objected to for the reason that there remains to the credit of the appropriation made by the First Called Session of the Thirty-second Legislature to pay the fees and costs of sheriffs, clerks and attorneys in felony cases, unexpended, the sum of \$105,912.09, and there remains unexpended of the appropriation made by the First Called Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, for expenses of attached witnesses, the sum of \$72,560.82. These statements are obtained on this date from the Comptroller's Office.

On account of the fact that the appropriations heretofore made are not yet exhausted, I deem it to be bad business policy to make additional appropriations in anticipation of deficiencies.

The other items in House bill No. 583 have been approved.

Respectfully submitted,
O. B. COLQUITT,
Governor of Texas.